IN RE: PELVIC MESH/BARD
LITIGATION

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY

LAW DIVISION: BERGEN COUNTY

CASE NO. 292

MASTER DOCKET NO.: BER-L-17717-14

CIVIL ACTION

CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER #9

All prior orders remain in full force and effect except as modified by this Order.

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BRIAN R. MARTINOTTI

THIS MATTER having been reassigned to the Bergen County Vicinage, from Atlantic County, pursuant to the Supreme Court's Order of October 31, 2014; having conducted a CMC; counsel appearing; for good cause shown and for the reasons set forth on the record;

IT IS on this 16th day of September 2015, ORDERED as follows:

PART I

ORDERS ENTERED SINCE LAST CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

- 1. Case Management Order No. 6, entered June 11, 2015.
- 2. Case Management Order No. 7, entered June 29, 2015.
- 3. Case Management Order No. 8, entered July 23, 2015

PART II

COMPLIANCE WITH PRIOR ORDERS

1. Case Management Order No. 8.



a. The parties are proceeding with case-specific discovery and will be prepared to update the Court regarding the status of discovery and other matters raised at the last conference.

PART III

CASE MANAGEMENT

[The parties have been and shall continue to participate in settlement discussions.]

- 1. Status of Discovery Discovery end date is hereby extended until March 31, 2016.
- Status of Covidien Stay on Discovery The Covidien Stay shall be extended until October 21, 2015.
- Bellwether Pre-Trial Schedule: Based on the present status of the bellwether matters, counsel shall meet and confer to determine if additional cases should be added to the bellwether pool.
- 4. Adam Slater, Esq. is hereby appointed as co-liaison counsel for plaintiffs.

PART IV

GENERAL:

- The next Case Management Conference is scheduled for October 21, 2015 at 12:00pm.
 Liaison Counsel shall report at 9:30am. Counsel shall submit a proposed agenda seven (7) days prior to this Case Management Conference.
- 2. By consent of all parties, the court may contact or be contacted on an *ex parte* basis regarding settlement issues only.

- 3. The court may, from time to time, conduct phone conferences with defense counsel and liaison counsel.
- 4. Subject to agreement by and between counsel and with permission from the Court, counsel is permitted to appear telephonically; in order to have your appearance on the record, it is counsel's responsibility to e-mail liaison counsel and the court reporter at least one hour before the proceeding with your name, firm, and party representing, indicating that you intend to appear by phone; in addition you must confirm you appearance, immediately following the proceeding. Absent the above, counsel's appearance will not be noted.
- 5. The official record shall be the transcript provided by the court reporter retained by counsel. The reporter shall preserve all proceedings and shall email a transcript of any court proceeding to the court within 14 days of the proceeding.
- 6. Counsel is permitted to serve one motion with a schedule of attached cases for *pro hac* admission. However, a separate order per case/docket number and filing fees is required.
- 7. The Court directs all counsel to <u>R.</u>1:48 and expects all counsel to abide by the parameters set forth therein.
- 8. All Court proceedings will start at the designated scheduled time. Counsel is expected to arrive promptly for these proceedings.
- 9. Counsel shall provide the Court with their preferred e-mail address by e-mailing same to Kelly Gibson at Kelly.Gibson@judiciary.state.nj.us and Yeon Ji Lee at Yeon-Ji.Lee @judiciary.state.nj.us.
- 10. Counsel shall copy their co-counsel and all adversaries on all e-mails and other electronic correspondence submitted to the Court [COUNSEL IS PROHIBITED FROM FILING

ANY PLEADING ELECTRONICALLY]. Any such submission received after 4:30 p.m. will be deemed received at 9:00 a.m. on the next day Court is in session. Any such submission received after 4:30 p.m. on a Friday or over a weekend, will be deemed received on 9:00 a.m. on the next day Court is in session.

- 11. Counsel is directed to contact The Superior Court of New Jersey, Attorneys Accounts:
 P.O. Box 980, Hughes Justice Complex, 25 W. Market Street, Trenton, New Jersey
 08625 (609) 633-8643 to establish a collateral account for any filing fees within seven (7) days.
- 12. Counsel is required to check the Judiciary's Web Site dedicated to this matter for any decisions/Orders/information contained therein.
- 13. A copy of this Order and any subsequent Orders to the Court will be posted on the Judiciary Web Site.

BRIAN R. MARTINOTTI, J.S.C.

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